GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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PRODUCTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal from open mines as well as underground mines in the country during each of the last three years and as on date State-wise;

(b) the quantity of production as compared to the other Coal producing countries of the World;

(c) the reasons for low productivity of Coal Mines in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the production of coal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Production of coal from open cast and underground mines in the country during the last three years, State-wise, is as under:-

(In million tonnes)

State	1999-2000			2000-2001			2001-2002 +		
	OC	UG	Total	OC	UG	Total	OC	UG	Total
Andhra Pradesh	16.77	12.79	29.56	16.49	13.79	30.28	17.06	13.75	30.81
Assam	0.37	0.20	0.57	0.46	0.20	0.66	0.46	0.18	0.64
Chhatisgarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.71	8.52	50.23	45.23	8.39	53.62
Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
Jharkhand	61.22	15.31	76.53	61.74	13.68	75.42	64.10	12.70	76.80
Maharashtra	23.20	4.50	27.70	24.21	4.54	28.75	26.59	4.24	30.83
Madhya Pradesh	66.64	21.26	87.90	30.00	12.50	42.50	31.38	12.78	44.16
Meghalaya	4.06	0.00	4.06	4.07	0.00	4.07	5.02	0.00	5.02
Orissa	41.90	1.65	43.55	43.18	1.62	44.80	46.16	1.64	47.80
Uttar Pradesh	16.22	0.00	16.22	16.86	0.00	16.86	16.53	0.00	16.53
West Bengal	6.89	11.09	17.98	8.91	11.19	20.10	10.24	11.16	21.40
All India	237.27	66.83	304.10	247.63	66.07	313.70	262.77	64.87	327.64

NB:
(i) OC - Opencast

(ii) UG - Underground

(iii) + - Provisional

(b): Production of coal in some major coal producing countries in the world , as available , during the calendar year 2000 is as under:-

(In million tonnes)

Country	Coal produced during Year 2000
China	1231.19
USA	895.19
India	315.56
Australia	239.43
South Africa	222.74
Russia	152.54

(c): The reasons for low productivity in coal mines in the country are :-

i) conventional bord and pillar method which is not amenable to mechanization, is being followed in large number of underground mines.
ii) scope of large scale mechanisation in underground mines is limited due to adverse geo mining conditions.
iii) fund crunch in loss making companies.
iv) surplus manpower.

(d): Steps taken to increase the production of coal include starting of new projects/ opening of new mines, modernisation/expansion of existing mines, upgradation of technology, increase in production/productivity, etc.